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- > Amendment After Final Transmittal
- > Response to PTO communication dated April 7, 2004

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Docket No. PD-980033  
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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Carl S. Anselmo

Serial No.: 09/325,110

Filed: June 3, 1999

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING SATELLITE  
COMMUNICATIONS USING ON-ORBIT PAYLOAD  
CONFIGURATION AND RECONFIGURATION

Date:

June 30, 2004

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2685

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR AMENDMENT

Mail Stop AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

\_\_\_\_ Applicant petitions for an extension of time for months(s) to respond to the Office Action dated \_\_\_\_\_. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ months(s) has already been secured; the fee paid therefor of \_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. \_\_\_\_\_  
Extension fee due with this request \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☒ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required to respond to the Office Action dated April 7, 2004. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

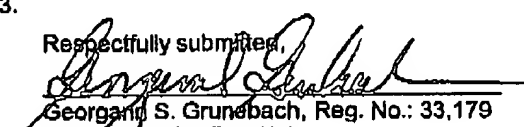
☒ No additional fee for claims is required.

\_\_\_\_ The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED							
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	29	minus	29*	=	0	x \$ 18.00	\$
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4	minus	4**	=	0	x \$ 86.00	\$
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS					0	+ \$ 290.00	\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:							\$

Charge \$ 00.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-0383 of Hughes Electronics Corporation, El Segundo, California. Please charge any additional fees for claims or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0383. If any additional extension fee is required, please charge to Deposit Account No. 50-0383.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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